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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,2,5-8,11 and 12 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 3,4,9 and 10 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The information disclosure statement filed December 5, 2003 has been received and has been considered and made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2, 5-8, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Re claims 1-2, 6-8, and 12; AAPA discloses a write precompensation amount setting method, comprising: setting an optimum write precompensation amount at a low temperature (page 3, lines 1-5) according to respective head characteristics (page 3, lines 1-5; page 1, lines 25 – page 2, line 2; error rate caused by peak shift, i.e. NLTS) with an electric current used at an ordinary temperature (page 2, lines 20-22; 40mA), and at a irregular electric current (page 2, lines 23-25; 50mA), wherein the irregular electric current is an electric current higher than the electric current used at the ordinary temperature (page 2, lines 20-25).

Re claims 5 and 11; AAPA discloses obtaining a precompensation amount of each head with an electric current higher than the electric current used at the ordinary

temperature (page 3, lines 5-11; an additional 4% above the write precompensation at the ordinary temperature), and determining a write precompensation amount at the low temperature according to the obtained precompensation amount (page 4, lines 2-11).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-4 and 9-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Re claims 3 and 9; the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest that the irregular electric current is an electric current lower than the electric current used at the ordinary temperature.

Re claims 4 and 10; the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest obtaining a precompensation amount of each head with an electric current lower than the electric current used at the ordinary temperature, and determining a write precompensation amount at the low temperature according to the obtained precompensation amount.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan I. Davidson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7552. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Hudspeth, can be reached on (571) 272-7843. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)
273-8300.

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